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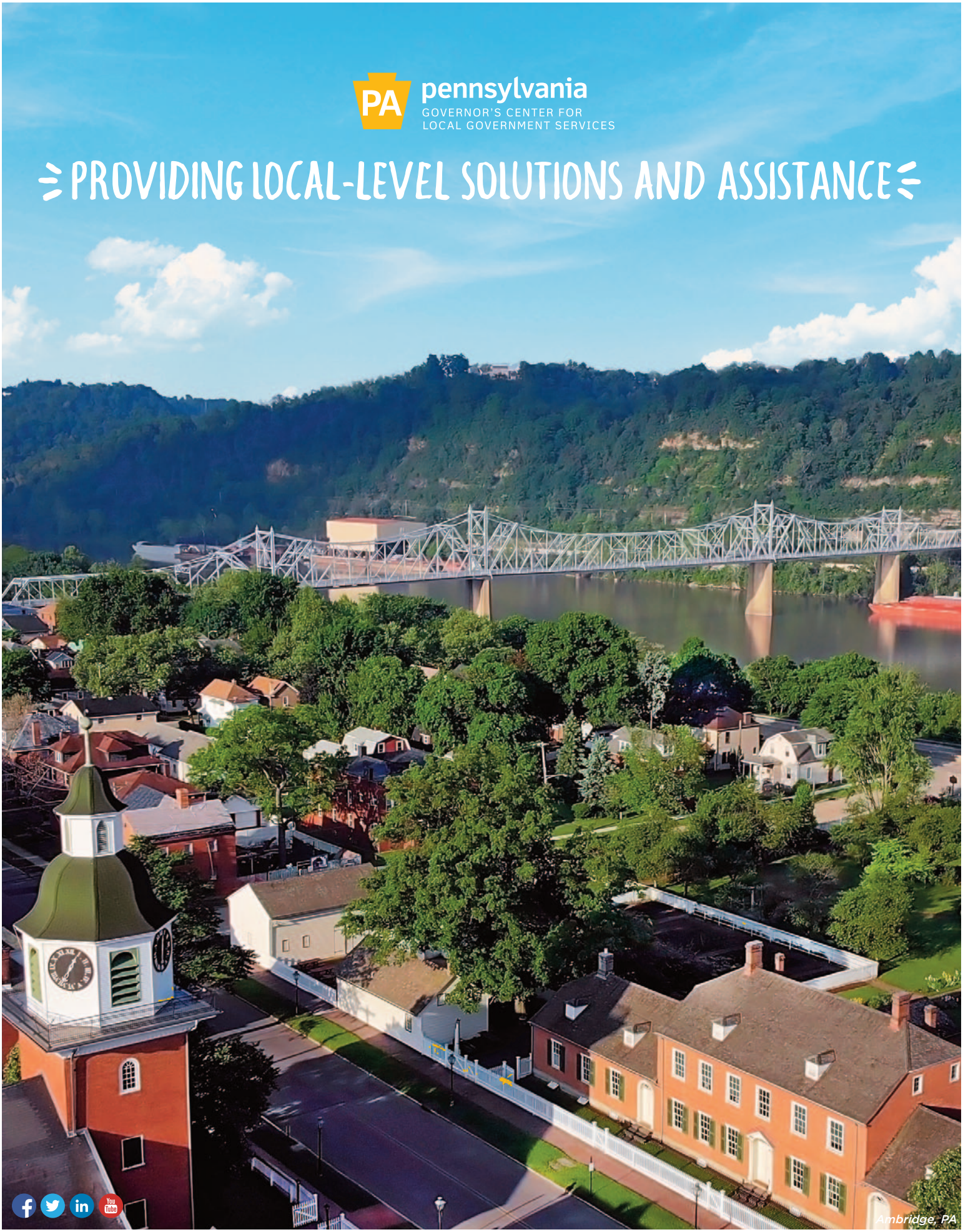
GOVERNOR'S CENTER FOR
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

PROVIDING LOCAL-LEVEL SOLUTIONS AND ASSISTANCE



Ambridge, PA

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania | Tom Wolf, Governor
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Erie, PA

TECHNICAL & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The mission of the Governor's Center for Local Government Services (the Center) is to provide a full range of vital programs, training, and services to resolve problems at the local level. The Center provides a wide range of both technical and financial assistance for revitalization, recovery, planning, and more.

REGIONAL POLICE SERVICES

Through a network of peer consultants — former police officers — the Center plays an active role assisting municipalities interested in regionalizing police services. **dced.pa.gov/police**

REGIONAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Center provides technical and financial assistance to support regionalization efforts and continually recognizes successful ventures. **dced.pa.gov/fire**

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND LAND USE

As the designated state entity responsible for land use assistance and monitoring, the Center offers technical and financial assistance to facilitate the understanding of planning activities and best practices. It also provides tools to support wise decision-making related to land use, revitalization, preservation, and infrastructure in all of Pennsylvania's urban, suburban, and rural communities. **dced.pa.gov/planning**

MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP)

Through the Municipal Assistance Program (MAP), municipalities and counties may apply for grant funding to cover up to 50% of eligible costs related to: community planning, floodplain management, and shared services. **dced.pa.gov/MAP**

ACT 47: MUNICIPALITIES FINANCIAL RECOVERY ACT

The Center provides professional financial management and public administration technical assistance, as well as financial assistance through the Distressed Municipalities Revolving Fund, to aid in the recovery process for Pennsylvania municipalities that are experiencing severe financial difficulties. **dced.pa.gov/act47**

STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROGRAM (STMP)

The Strategic Management Planning Program (STMP) provides guidance for municipalities interested in an improved fiscal position. The goal of the STMP is to promote best management practices and ultimately avert fiscal distress. **dced.pa.gov/STMP**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAPITAL PROJECT LOAN PROGRAM (LGCPLP)

Through the Local Government Capital Projects Loan Program (LGCPLP), eligible municipalities have greater purchasing power and access to equipment and facility loans at a fixed, low-interest rate of 2 percent. **dced.pa.gov/LGCPLP**

TRAINING & REFERENCE RESOURCES

The Center provides many resources to help local governments function more efficiently, including continuing education, training, and manuals — many of which are free online.

HANDBOOKS, REFERENCE MANUALS, AND GUIDES

The Center has more than 50 downloadable online publications containing useful information relating to all aspects of local government administration, including planning, fiscal management, local taxes, municipal codes, and regulations. View, download, or order paper copies at **dced.pa.gov/publications**

PA TRAINING HUB (PATH)

PATH offers in-classroom learning opportunities and online video training modules focusing on topics such as budgeting, planning, and emergency services to help keep municipal employees up-to-date on statutory requirements and best management practices. **PAtraininghub.org**

LOCAL PROPERTY TAX COLLECTOR QUALIFICATION PROGRAM

Offered through the LGTP, the qualification program for local property tax collectors enables tax collectors to meet their mandatory requirements to qualify as tax collectors. **pml.org**

Pittsburgh, PA

MUNICIPAL STATISTICS OFFICE

The Municipal Statistics Office maintains data collected from each of Pennsylvania's 2,560 municipalities. An e-filing system is available to facilitate the submission of the following required Municipal Statistics forms:

- Annual Audit & Financial Report
- Survey of Financial Condition Form
- Report of Elected and Appointed Officials
- Tax Information Form
- Annual Report of Municipal Authorities

To file online or access data and reports, visit **dced.pa.gov/municipalstats.**

PA CONSTRUCTION CODES ACADEMY (PCCA)

The PA Construction Codes Academy (PCCA) provides training and certification opportunities for construction code officials, design professionals, contractors, and other individuals involved with the implementation and enforcement of the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) in Pennsylvania. **PAconstructioncodesacademy.org**

Manchester, PA

PA MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION TRAINING CENTER (PA MATC)

The PA MATC provides advanced training opportunities for municipal officials. Courses focus on topics such as:

- Ethics
- Performance management
- Data-driven decision making
- Public policy development
- Technical material facilitated by subject matter specialists

Visit **pamatc.org** for more information.

TAX EQUALIZATION DIVISION (TED)/ STATE TAX EQUALIZATION BOARD (STEB)

The Tax Equalization Division (TED) determines the aggregate market values of taxable real estate property in each political subdivision and school district while establishing a Common Level Ratio (CLR) of assessed value for each county, which is approved and certified by the State Tax Equalization Board (STEB). These market values are used by the PA Department of Education as a factor in the legislative formula for state subsidies distribution to each school district and in the process of appealing tax assessed property values. **dced.pa.gov/steb**

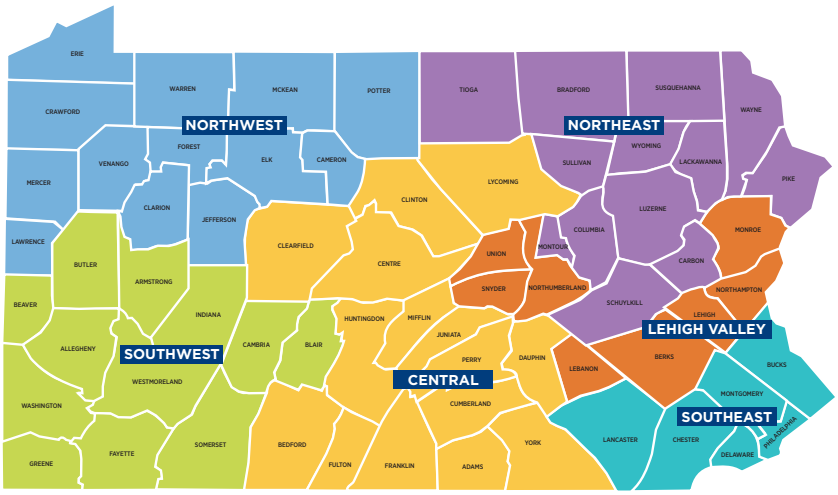
Philadelphia, PA

UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE (UCC) REPORTING

Building Code Officials (BCOs) throughout Pennsylvania are required to submit quarterly filings and payments to the Center associated with building permit issuances. BCOs or delegated municipal employees can file quarterly reports online at **dced.pa.gov/ucc.**

MEET THE TEAM

The Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED)'s regional offices are the first point of contact for local agencies and municipalities regarding economic development programs and are invested in enhancing quality of life for all Pennsylvanians through city and borough revitalization. Contact an office near you to get started.



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